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On 7 April 1949, the new chief of the SMA's Administration for Procurement of Materials, Vlassov*, gave [] instructions to [] [] the DWK's Main Administration for Procurement of Materials:

After about July of this year the DWK's Main Administration for Procurement of Materials is to direct the distribution of the iron produced and imported in the Soviet Zone. Until now this distribution has been outlined in a plan authorized by the Marshall**, and decisions in all individual cases were made only by the SMA. Now preparations are to be made for the transfer of authority; in particular, the DWK is to establish an exact system of bookkeeping and a satisfactory method for the factories and importers to report on deliveries. Kerber is made personally responsible for filling all reparations orders for iron. The SMA will retain only a supervisory role.***

25X1 * Comment: This position was formerly held by Samaryev.

25X1 ** Comment: Presumably the Marshall here referred to is Sokolovski.

25X1 *** [] Comment: This announcement has particular significance since it was made in the presence of Chayet, chairman of the Parteiaktivs in the SMA.

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